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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE  
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AMEMBASSY SANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 003032

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, SO, KE, EAID

SUBJECT: GOK REFUSAL OF OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR RELIEF  
EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 309976; NAIROBI 16927

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY APPROACH APPROPRIATE LEVEL  
IN FOREIGN MINISTR; AND INFORM THEM THAT IN RESPONSE TO  
FLOOD EMERGENCY WHICH EXISTS IN SOUTHERN SOMALIA, AND  
WHICH HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY UN OFFICIAL, USG HAS AGREED TO  
PURCHASE A NUMBER OF TENTS IN EUROPE TO SHELTER FLOOD  
VICTIMS. UNFORTUNATELY, DELIVERY OF TENTS HAS ALREADY  
BEEN DELAYED ONE WEEK BY REFUSAL OF GOK OVERFLIGHT  
CLEARANCE.

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2. USG HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO  
ETHIOPIA AND WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF HELPING TO  
RELIEVE SUFFERING EVEN-HANDEDLY. WE ARE THEREFORE DIS-  
TRESSED TO DISCOVER OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS INTERNATIONAL  
EFFORT MAY BE FRUSTRATED BY GOK DECISION. WE REQUEST THAT  
GOK RECONSIDER DECISION IN TIME FOR FLIGHT JAN. 7.

3. IF GOK RAISES QUESTION, YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT FLOOD VICTIMS RELIEF EFFORT HAS NO RELATIONSHIP WITH WAR EFFORT.

4. IF GOK ASKS WHY FLIGHT DOES NOT FOLLOW RED SEA ROUTE, YOU MAY SAY THAT REQUEST WAS EARLIER FILED WITH PDRY AND DENIED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PDRY HAS NOW GRANTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE, BUT LANDING/REFUELING ARRANGEMENTS REMAIN UNCLEAR. SANA HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO REQUEST. WE SHOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO HAVE KENYAN ALTERNATIVE CLEARED FOR USE IF NECESSARY.

5. FYI: YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT UNDP REPRESENTATIVE NAIROBI HAS ALREADY RAISED OVERFLIGHT QUESTION WITH GOK AND HAS REPORTED THAT KENYA GOVT REQUIRES FORMAL WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION FOR OVERFLIGHT BEFORE EVEN AGREEING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS STRONGLY QUESTIONED NECESSITY FOR OVERFLIGHT OR TRANSIT WHEN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA RED SEA APPEARED MORE DIRECT FROM EUROPE. CHRISTOPHER

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